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PACIFIC REGION CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SACRAMENTO -- The USDA, NASS, Pacific Regional Office today released the crop production report for July. The latest survey, which was conducted during the last week of June and the first week of July, includes the following commodities:

Almonds - California's 2016 almond production is forecast at 2.05 billion meat pounds, up 2.5 percent from May's subjective forecast and up 7.9 percent from last year's crop. The forecast is based on 900 thousand bearing acres. Production for the Nonpareil variety is forecast at 780 million meat pounds, up 7.4 percent from last year's deliveries. The Nonpareil variety represents 38 percent of California's total almond production.

Apricots - California's 2016 apricot production is forecast at 55.0 thousand tons. The California crop represents 90 percent of the total United States production. Harvest in California began in early May. Growers reported a good crop, with similar size, quality, and yield to 2014.

Oranges - The 2015-2016 California Navel orange forecast is 88.0 million cartons (1.76 million tons), up 5 percent from the previous forecast and up 13 percent from last season's final utilization. Late Navel orange harvest was winding down by the middle of June. The 2015-2016 California Valencia orange forecast is 21.0 million cartons (420 thousand tons), unchanged from the April forecast and up 11 percent from last season's final utilization.

Lemons - The 2015-2016 California lemon forecast is 43.6 million cartons, up 4 percent from the April forecast and up 6 percent from last season's final utilization.

Grapefruit - The 2015-2016 California grapefruit forecast is 7.80 million cartons, unchanged from the April forecast, but down 9 percent from last season's crop. The Ruby Red grapefruit harvest began.

Tangerines - The 2015-2016 tangerine forecast is 44.0 million cartons, unchanged from the April forecast, but up 19 percent from last season.

Other Crops - Barley production is forecast at 36.0 thousand tons, up 9 percent from the previous year. Oat production is forecast at 12.8 thousand tons, 33 percent above 2015 production. Wheat other than Durum production is expected to total 368 thousand tons, up 17 percent from 2015. Durum wheat production is forecast at 142 thousand tons, down from the 185 thousand tons in 2015 production.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. Late summer and fall harvests may change these estimates considerably. The next production forecast will be issued August 12, 2016.

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